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## MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with Judge William Webster

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Director-designate of CIA Judge William Webster  
Attorney General Edwin Meese III  
Senator Howard Baker, Chief of Staff  
Lt General Colin L. Powell, Deputy Assistant to  
the President for National Security Affairs

DATE, TIME March 23, 1987, 11:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.  
AND PLACE: Oval Office

Judge Webster began the meeting by giving the President his views on the organizational status of the Director of Intelligence (DCI). Judge Webster recommended that the DCI return to his original non-Cabinet status as Principal Advisor to the President on Intelligence Matters. Although he recognized he would attend Cabinet-level meetings in which he had an interest, he did not believe it was necessary or desirable to hold Cabinet member status, particularly since most of his predecessors had not. The President agreed and approved Judge Webster's recommendation. (C)

Judge Webster said that it was important for him to have access to and awareness of all issues involving his areas of responsibility and interest. He noted that he and the President had previously discussed access, and he expected to be included routinely in all senior-level meetings requiring an intelligence perspective. He pointed out that it was important for him to be made and kept aware of issues in which he could be expected to have an interest. The Attorney General underscored this point and the President concurred. Senator Baker said he would work with the Cabinet Secretary and the National Security Advisor to make sure that would be the case. (C)

Judge Webster asked the President if he wished his Daily Briefing to continue to be shared with the same close circle of advisors now receiving it. The President said yes. (C)

The Attorney General mentioned that from time to time Judge Webster may have to see the President privately. All concurred, with Senator Baker noting that he needed to be informed and track such meetings. The President agreed and told Judge Webster that he should also feel free to use the private secure phone as needed. (C)

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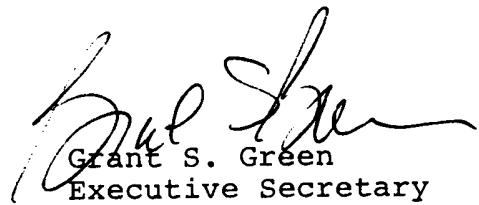
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April 1, 1987

TO: Judge William Webster

Attached for your information/files  
is a copy of the memorandum  
detailing your meeting with the  
President.



Grant S. Green  
Executive Secretary